

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A content distribution system includes a distribution server, a creator terminal, and a client terminal. In response to a request from the creator terminal, the distribution server provides an authoring tool to the creator terminal. The creator terminal provides the distribution server with a content item (e.g., an incoming-call melody) created by use of the authoring tool. The distribution server stores the content item. In response to a request from the client terminal, the distribution server supplies the stored content item to the client terminal. At this time, the distribution server charges a fee to a registered user of the client terminal, and kicks a portion of the charged fee back to a registered user of the creator terminal who has provided the content item.